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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council Chambers  
January 11, 1972.

Mayor Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Present on roll call - 9: Mayor Johnston, Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, and Sonntag.

The Flag Salute was led by Deputy Mayor Jarstad.

Mr. Schroeder moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 21st and of December 28th as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote carried.

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Mayor Johnston proclaimed the week of January 16th as Professional Nurses Week and proclaimed January 17 as "Jobs for Veterans Day" in the City. He commended the National Alliance of Business Men for their work in connection with the jobs for veterans.

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HEARINGS & APPEALS

- (a) This is the date set for hearing the request for rezoning both sides of Pacific Ave. from So. 46th to So. 48th Street from a "C-1" to a "C-2" District.  
(12/7/71 Planning Commission recommended approval, 6-3)  
(Alvin L. Morris & Son, Inc. et al)

Mr. Russ Buehler, Planning Director, reviewed the Planning Commission's reasons for recommending approval of the rezone. Mr. Gerald Prigge, one of the petitioners, spoke in favor of the rezone.

Mr. Schroeder moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission; seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote carried, with Mr. Nalley dissenting.

- (b) Michael Scannell appealing the denial of his request for rezoning the southwest corner of East 37th and East "E" St. from an "R-3" to an "R-4-L" District.  
(12/20/71 Planning Commission recommended denial 7-1, 1 absent)  
Last date to file an appeal was January 3, 1972. An appeal was filed on Jan. 3, 1972. Suggested date for hearing is Tuesday, February 15, 1972.

Dr. Herrmann moved to set the date of February 15, 1972 as the date for hearing the appeal. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote carried.

PETITIONS

- (a) David V. Sheean & Associates, Inc. - requesting rezoning of the west side of Sprague Ave. between South 78th and So. 80th Sts. from an "R-2" to an "M-1" Dist.

Mayor Johnston referred this to the Planning Commission.

- (b) Golden Ridge, Inc. requesting rezoning of the south side of South 82nd St. between Alaska St. and Hosmer St. from an "R-2" to an "R-3" District.

Mayor Johnston referred this to the Planning Commission.

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 21459 (for reconsideration)

Authorizing the Purchasing Agent to utilize the price list submitted by competitive bid by the Al Bolser Tire Service, Inc. to the Dept. of Public Utilities for the purchase of tires and tubes for the period January 1, 1972 through October 31, 1972.

Mayor Johnston moved to remove this resolution from the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Jarstad. It was pointed out that this contract had already been awarded.

Voice vote: Ayes - 9, Nays - 0. The Resolution was removed from the agenda.

Resolution No. 21468

Appointing Benito P. Lira to a three-year term on the Human Relations Commission commencing January 1, 1972 and expiring December 31, 1974.

Mayor Johnston moved that the resolution be adopted; seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote: Ayes - 9. Nays - 0. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21469

Authorizing the execution of a rental agreement with Steven L. and Carole L. Hutchins for a residence located on the Tacoma Industrial Airport site.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote: Ayes - 9. Nays - 0. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21470

Authorizing the proper officer of the City to execute a lease with Paul DeWitt, d/b/a DeSelm Industries, Inc. on property at 2716 So. Wilkeson Street for the sum of \$70.00 per month.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder. It was pointed out by Mr. Robert Sparling of the Public Works Dept. that they had advertised the sale of this property and that no bids had been received. The lease is a revocable lease as they hope to sell the property in the near future.

Voice vote: Ayes - 7, Nays - 2: Nalley and Sonntag. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21471

Adopting rules and regulations relative to towing and storage services.

Dr. Herrmann moved that this resolution be adopted; seconded by Mrs. Egan.

Police Chief Lyle Smith advised that the regulations have been worked out with the towing companies.

Voice vote: Ayes - 9. Nays - 0. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21472

Authorizing the execution of an agreement with Burlington Northern, Inc. relative to the construction and maintenance of the improvement of Wilkeson Street from Center Street to South Tacoma Way, constituting Improvement No. 4907.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Dr. Herrmann.  
Voice vote: Ayes - 9. Nays - 0. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21473

Authorizing the proper officers of the City to execute an Owner-Participation Agreement with the trustees of the estate of John B. Geiger and Pearl A. Geiger on Parcel 1108-4 in the New Tacoma Urban Renewal Project, Wash. R-14.

Dr. Herrmann moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mayor Johnston.

Mr. Virgil Gipson, Urban Renewal Department, described the property incorporated in the owner-participation agreement and advised that an agreement has been reached with the owners, with the exception of the parking requirement.

Mr. Harold Tollefson, attorney for the petitioners, described the history of the owners' business and desires. He also requested that the matter of the parking be waived until such time as the property next to that of the petitioners' is placed for sale by the City.

Mr. Donald Hogaboam, Asst. City Attorney, advised the Council that the agreement could be amended so that the parking space would not be required on the premises, and that he had written a Memorandum to the Council relative to those conditions.

Mr. Hamilton advised that if the Council wishes it has the privilege of abiding by the parking requirements or can waive them; it is a policy matter for the Council to determine. He advised that the Legal Dept. would prepare two agreements to be submitted to the Council next week for their decision - one containing the parking requirement and one without the parking requirement.

Mr. Bill Donaldson, City Manager, inquired as to whether the Council wished any additional clarification on the owner-participation agreement under consideration, prior to the next Council meeting.

Mr. Maule suggested that the Manager have a written statement prepared on the agreement.

Dr. Herrmann moved that the parking requirement be waived in this case. Seconded by Mr. Maule. Voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes - 7. Nays - 2: Egan and Sonntag. The motion was carried.

Mr. Moss moved to continue the resolution for one week; seconded by Mrs. Egan. Voice vote was taken on the motion to continue, and carried.

The Resolution was continued until January 18th, 1972, as which time a substitute agreement will be brought to the Council for consideration.

Resolution No. 21474

Terminating the interest of C. Raymond Merriwether d/b/a Merri-Co-Centers, in an Agreement of Sale entered into with the City of Tacoma on April 15, 1971 for Parcel No. B-5-A in the Center Street Project, Wash. R-1.

Dr. Herrmann moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Schroeder.  
Voice vote: Ayes - 9, Nays - 0. The Resolution was declared adopted.

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Resolution No. 21475

Authorizing approval of the Model Cities Resident Employment Plan.

Mayor Johnston moved to refer the Resident Employment Plan back to the Model Cities Executive Board. Seconded by Mr. Schroeder.

The Mayor read a prepared statement in which he said he thought that the Plan did not meet the intent of the resolution passed last April, which resolution stated that all officers, commissions and boards of the City of Tacoma having anything to do with employment policies shall participate and be a part of the Resident Employment Plan. He wanted to have substantial evidence that this had been done.

Voice vote was taken on the motion, as follows: Ayes - 9, Nays - 0. The Resolution was referred back to the Model Cities Executive Board.

Mr. Jarstad then moved to suspend the rules in order that Mr. Frank Russell, Model Cities Director, could speak. Seconded by Mr. Moss. Voice vote carried.

Mr. Russell then gave his views on the reasons why he felt that the Plan, as submitted, met the criteria.

Resolution No. 21476

Re-setting the date for a public hearing relative to the establishment of the pedestrian Broadway Mall to Tuesday, February 8, 1972 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Schroeder moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Dr. Herrmann. Voice vote: Ayes - 9, Nays - 0. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No. 21477

Awarding contract to Woodworth & Company, Inc. on its bid of \$335,393.64 for paving and street lighting along South 84th St. from Park Avenue to "A" Street, constituting Improvement No. 4925, Unit "B".

Dr. Herrmann moved that the resolution be adopted; seconded by Mr. Schroeder. Voice vote: Ayes - 9, Nays - 0. The Resolution was declared adopted.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 19503

Amending subsection 1140 of Section 1.12.430 of the Official Code to establish the position of Assistant Manpower Coordinator in the classified service.

Mr. Stanley Bixel, Personnel Director advised that this ordinance is a house-keeping ordinance, correcting an inadvertent error made in the original classification of the position, which had placed the position in the unclassified service.

The Ordinance was placed in order for final reading next week.

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Ordinance No. 19504

Creating a new fund to be known as "Fund No. 442", Cumulative Reserve Fund - Transit System" for accounting purposes, in accordance with State law.

Mr. Earl Mittelstaedt, Finance Director, advised that this is a housekeeping ordinance for accounting purposes only.

The Ordinance was set over for final reading next week.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 19496

Authorizing the condemnation of necessary rights-of-way, easements and construction permits for Improvement No. 4908 - Orchard Street.

Roll call vote was taken on the Ordinance, resulting as follows:  
Ayes 9: Egan, Herrmann, Jarstad, Maule, Moss, Nalley, Schroeder, Sonntag and Mayor Johnston.

Nays 0.  
The Ordinance was declared passed.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Jarstad inquired regarding the proposed amendments to the Civil Service and Personnel Rules which were filed with the City Clerk's office on December 8, 1971 by the Civil Service Board.

Mr. Robert Hamilton, City Attorney, advised that he had recently checked into the matter and determined that January 22, 1972 would be 45 days since they were filed with the City Clerk. If no action is taken by that time by the Council, the proposed amendments relative to the Loyalty Oath will be published. He also advised that some questions had been raised by Mr. Schroeder and that Mr. Hugh Judd of the Legal Department, who was researching the matter, would have further information for the Council later.

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COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Johnston instructed the City Manager to have the Legislative Committee look into the matter of moneys and items found by citizens turned in to the Police Department, which in turn are placed in the Police Pension Fund. He asked that the Legislative Committee work with the Legislature this coming session to see what type of legislation could be enacted to correct this matter.

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Mr. Moss advised that a group of people had come to the meeting tonight to speak on a resolution for the Central Employment Agency, which had apparently not been included on the agenda.

Mr. Donaldson advised that the proper background information had not reached his office in time to bring a proper ordinance to the Council but that it would be

on the agenda next week. If it is an emergency measure there would not be any delay in passage.

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Mr. Jarstad said that there had been several meetings lately regarding deep hull ships and superships. It was discovered at these meetings that the Puget Sound Area was the best place to provide a port for deep hull ships. San Francisco has a sand bar which they admit would not accommodate the superships; therefore, Tacoma has a good chance to get the business from these deep hull ships if they want to do something about it. It is anticipated there will be many more of these superships built in the future.

Mr. Jarstad felt there should be some meetings to discuss the subject and that the City should possibly hire a marine consultant.

Mr. Nalley concurred with Mr. Jarstad's remarks about the possibility of Tacoma's becoming a superport but felt that the Bayside Drive might cut off the ocean docks or make it virtually impossible to build new ones. He felt that before proceeding with the Bayside Drive project consideration should be given to the docks in that area.

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Mr. Maule pointed out that a number of industries in the City had spent considerable capital for anti-pollution devices. He felt that some type of tax credit could be given to those industries.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ted Amell, 422 No. Tacoma Avenue, spoke to the Council about improving the downtown area of Tacoma.

ITEMS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

- a. Minutes of Board of Park Commissioners, December 13, 1971.
- b. Dept. of Public Works filing Update Cost Estimate for Urban Arterial Project No. 8-1-128(25) -- South 84th Street, Park Ave. to "A" Street.
- c. Monthly report, Director of Finance, November 1971.


The items were placed on file by proper vote.

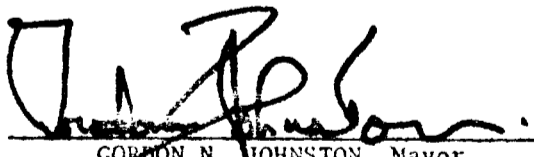
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Schroeder moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Sonntag. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
H. B. BOND, City Clerk

  
GORDON N. JOHNSTON, Mayor